

APPENDIX 7

Amendment filed March 30, 1999 withdrawing non-allowed claims in U.S. Serial No.08/892,738 filed July 15, 1997 for filing in Continuation Application U.S. Serial No. 09/288,943 filed April 9, 1999.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 1999, as corrected in a faxed Office Action responsive to a telephone inquiry on February 8, 1999, wherein Applicant's Claim 25 was withdrawn from consideration, Claims 5-8, 13-16, 20 and 22-24 were allowed, and wherein Claims 1-4, 9-12, 17-19, 21 and 26 were rejected, please consider the following amendments and comments.

The Office Action summarized above was issued as a replacement of the previous Office Action mailed January 21, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4, 9-12, 17-19, 21 and 26 are withdrawn without prejudice and with the expressly reserved right to file these claims in a continuing application.

Claim 25 has been withdrawn from consideration.

COMMENTS

The claims remaining in the case, i.e. Claims 5-8, 13-16, 20 and 22-24 have been allowed. Since these claims are the only claims currently remaining in the case, it is believed that this case is in condition for allowance and such is respectfully solicited.

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